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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-A306
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, No. 00-256; October 1st Certification Requirement for Rural Carriers

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") files its required annual certification for the year **2005** for the **rural carrier Cellular South Licenses, Inc. – Study Area Code 289001**.

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256*, the Mississippi Public Service Commission hereby certifies that all federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) provided to Cellular South Licenses, Inc. will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996:

Attached is a copy of the Commission's orders in its Docket No. 01-UA-451.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

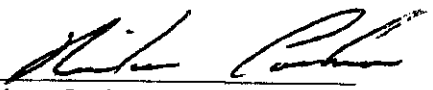
In accordance with the FCC's mandate, a certification letter is also being sent to Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Bo Robinson in dark ink.
Bo Robinson, Chairman

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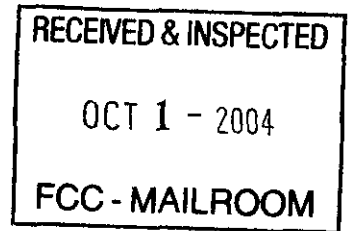
Nielsen Cochran, Vice-Chairman



Michael Callahan, Commissioner

Enclosure

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



APPLICATION OF
CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC.
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(E)(2)

DOCKET NO. 01-UA-0451

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization for the year 2005 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL"), and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds as follows:

I.

On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). On November 30, 2001, Victor H. (Hu) Meena filed direct testimony on behalf of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. in support of CSL's designation as an ETC.

II.

CSL sought and was granted bifurcation of proceedings for consideration separately of the Application in those areas served by BellSouth from those served by the Rural Independents by Order dated September 19, 2001.

III.

On Motion of CSL, the Commission entered an Order Returning this Case to the Docket for purposes of considering CSL's application for ETC designation in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents on May 3, 2004. On July 9, 2004, Victor H. (Hu) Meena filed direct testimony on behalf of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. in support of CSL's designation as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents.

IV.

In support of its Application for ETC designation in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2005 ("CSL's 2005 Plan") for approval by the Commission on August 27, 2004.

V.

On September 24, 2004, this Commission issued its Order designating Cellular South as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents ("ETC Order").

VI.

On a quarterly basis during the year 2005 CSL shall submit reports to the Commission which detail CSL's USF expenditures during the quarter.

VII.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CSL's 2005 Plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2005 in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC Orders.

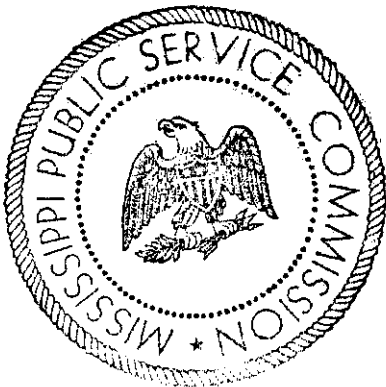
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Commission hereby certifies that CSL's 2005 Plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents in Mississippi as contained in its plan submitted to the Commission on August 27, 2004 in support of its Application is consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

This Order is effective as of its date of execution.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye; Vice Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; and Commissioner Michael Callahan voted Aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 29th day of September, 2004.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

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